

## *Trout Jiggy - Originator Unknown*

<b>HOOK</b>	<b>Crappie jig hook, size 6-12, weight 1/32 ounce or lighter</b>
<b>THREAD</b>	<b>3/0 or 6/0 color to match or complement wing</b>
<b>WING</b>	<b>Marabou, color your choice</b>
<b>ACCENT</b>	<b>Crystal flash or flashabou, color to match or complement wing</b>
<b>EYES</b>	<b>Optional, decal or paint</b>



1. Remove or bend barb down and insert jig hook in vise hook point up. Attach thread and lay thread base over the small diameter lead section of the head. Select 10-15 strands of accent 2-3" long and tie in just behind head extending to the rear past the hook point.

2. Select a small plume of marabou, perhaps 50 strands, about 1 1/2 –2 times the length of the jig. Tie it in over the thread base on top the accent material. Turn hook upside down in vise. Select a second similar marabou plume and tie in. Trim excess marabou and cover butts neatly . Whip finish. Trim accent about 1/2" longer than marabou.



3. The jiggy will catch fish just as it is so you could coat the thread with head cement, let it dry and go fishing. If you feel artistic, you could paint the jig head, add decal eyes or paint them on and finally, coat your art work with clear lacquer or epoxy. In the example shown, decal eyes were added and the jig head coated with head cement.

**Note:** Some anglers might consider any form of jig to be far outside the bounds of flyfishing while others would say " If I can cast it with my fly rod, it must be a fly". Form your own opinion.

I first fished with the jiggy while drifting Utah's Green River this summer with guide Gene. Gene had a boxful of them in a myriad of colors and since no fish were rising, suggested I try one. I picked a light ginger one ( the same color as Tom Finkle's Flesh Fly but that's another story). Darned if didn't catch fish when I cast to the bank and retrieved or to pockets in fast water. It sinks like a five iron in the same manner as a clouser minnow or tungsten bead head wooly bugger. It certainly gets down where the fish are. John Brand cast it just fine with his 0 weight Sage and I managed OK with a 4 weight but don't expect 80 foot casts with a tight loop. Open your loop a bit and adjust your stroke as necessary. A 5 or 6 weight rod would probably be best.

I have not had a chance to try the jiggy on crappies or bream but have no doubt about its effectiveness. The jiggy should also be a real winner in the Nantahala's pocket water or the streamer - friendly Tuckeseege. You can find the 1/32 jig hooks at local tackle shops and some discount stores.